Community Health Guides

1800. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) how many Community Health Guides are working in the country with State-wise break-up;

(b) what are their functions;

(c) what are their present emoluments and since how long these are invogue;

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase their emoluments in view of their onerous job;

(e) whether the Government propose to restore the function of distribution of medicines to these people as they used to do about 4 years back; and

(f) what are the proposals under the consideration of the Government to expand their functions so as to serve health needs of the Community on a wider scale ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) A statement showing the State-wise number of Village Health Guides working in the country as on 30-9-1992 is attached [*See* below].

(b) The functions of the Village Health Guide include promotion of health education, infant, child and maternal care, immunisation and family planning. Education on malaria and other communicable diseases is also provided to the community.

(c) An honorarium of Rs. 50/- per month is paid to Village Health Guides since inception of the scheme in 1977.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Village Health Guides scheme already encompasses a wide gamut of health care activities as given at (b) above.

Statement

The statewise number of villages health guides working in the country as on 30-9-92.

1. Andhra Pradesh	34334
2. Arunachal Pradesh &	
3. Assam	11001
4. Bihar	10431
5. Goa**	Nil
6. Gujarat	3715
7. Haryana	270
8. Himachal Pradesh	3667
9. J & K*	
10. Karnataka	15128
11. Kerala*	
12. Madhya Pradesh	33693
13. Maharashtra	41088
14. Manipur	1697
15. Meghalaya	1296
16. Mizoram	535
17. Nagaland	548
18. Orissa	21017
19. Punjab	11657
20. Rajasthan	8982
21. Sikkim	240
22. Tamil Nadu*	
23. Tripura	1837
24. Uttar Pradesh	90111
25. West Bengal	40233
26. A&N Islands	206
27. Chandigarh	42
28. D & N Haveli	19
29. Daman & Diu	Nil
30. Delhi	Nil
31. Lakshadweep	20
32. Pondicherry	181
Total:	331948

NOTES :

*= Alternative Health Guide Scheme is functioning in these States/UTs.

**= The VGH Scheme has been discontinued in Goa Daman & Diu since 1-8-85.